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On 28 and 30 January 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Geusaer Strasse, Merseburg (M 52/D 91), quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 300 troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard, while caterpillar tractors 18/011 and 18/102 hauled trailers with coal into the billeting area. Nine T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward Geusa at 8:30 a.m. on 28 January. Eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia rode on each tank. One km before Geusa, the tanks turned off the road and headed northward. The road to Geusa was deeply rutted by the track-laying vehicles. No training activity was noticed in the barracks installation or in the training area at Hill 119 during the afternoon hours of 30 January.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the vehicle [REDACTED] belong to the components of the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which is carried in the Flak Kaserne. The tanks were observed for the first time at the Merseburg po. They probably belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div, because previous reports indicated that components of this division from Halle, only 12 km away, might be stationed in Merseburg.

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